17. The foam component according to claim 16, wherein said component at least partially disintegrates, disperses, denatures and/or dissolves upon contact with water.

18. The foam component according to claim 15 comprising an elastic modulus of less than about $10GN.m^{-2}$.

19. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of: cleaning product ingredients, fabric care ingredient, pharmaceutical ingredients, cosmetic ingredients and mixtures thereof.

20. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of: enzymes, surfactants, brighteners, dyes, suds suppressors, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, fabric conditioners, antibacterial agents and mixtures thereof.

21. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said dissolution aid comprises an effervescence system, a hydrotrope, a cellulosic material, a water soluble salt and combinations thereof.

22. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said polymeric material comprises a glass transition temperature of less than about 50°C.

23. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said polymeric material comprises a water-soluble polymer.

24. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said component is in the form of a particle comprising a mean particle size of from about 50 to about 4000 microns.

25. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said component comprises a relative density of from about 0.05 to about 0.9.

26. The foam component according to claim 15, wherein said component comprises a series of closed and open cells, wherein the ratio of closed to open cells is at least about 1 to 1.

27. A process for preparing a foam component, comprising the steps of

a. obtaining a mixture of a polymeric material;
b. chemically or physically introducing a gas into said mixture;
c. prior to, simultaneous with, or subsequent to step (b), contacting an active ingredient to said mixture;
d. prior to, simultaneous with, or subsequent to step (b), contacting a dissolution agent to said mixture; and
e. shaping the articles of the resultant mixture.

28. The process of claim 27, wherein prior to step (b), said dissolution agent is contacted with said mixture of polymeric material and plasticiser.

29. A method of delivering active ingredients using the foam component of claim 16, comprising the step of incorporating said ingredients into said component and delivering said component into an aqueous environment.

30. A method of using the foam component of claim 15 in a composition, comprising the step of incorporating said component into a composition selected from the group consisting of: cleaning compositions, fabric care compositions, personal care compositions, cosmetic compositions, pharmaceutical compositions and mixtures thereof.

31. The method according to claim 30, further comprising the step of incorporating active ingredients into said foam component, said active ingredients selected from the group consisting of: enzymes, perfumes, surfactants, brighteners, dyes, suds suppressors, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, antibacterial agents, effervescing systems and mixtures thereof.